IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Taniguchi, et al.

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Tamai, Karl I.

For:

MAGNETIC BEARING MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a One-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003. A check for the extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 is attached. An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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